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Share in the beauty of one of our world's most spectacular places, the Grand Canyon, with @KevinFedarko and @PhotogPedro for the @KimmelCenter's @NatGeo Live series on 11/13. More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS THE RETURN OF *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE* SERIES WITH WRITER KEVIN FEDARKO AND PHOTOGRAPHER PETE MCBRIDE IN *BETWEEN RIVER AND RIM: HIKING THE GRAND CANYON* NOVEMBER 13, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 9, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is proud to welcome the return of the ***National Geographic Live Speaker Series*** to its Merriam Theater, following last year's acclaimed premiere season. The series will begin Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with writer **Kevin Fedarko** and photographer **Pete McBride** sharing the struggle and beauty of their journey through the spectacular Grand Canyon in ***Between River and Rim: Hiking the Grand Canyon***.

"The *National Geographic Live* series, returning after its successful inaugural year on our Cultural Campus, offers our audiences once-in-a-lifetime access to some of *National Geographic's* 'Explorers', individuals whose passions for nature, science, and history have fueled a life of study and sharing our environment with others," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "These shows are informal experiences – fireside chats, of sorts, where Explorers take the stage to lead compelling discussions on their latest adventures. If you've never traveled to the Grand Canyon, now is your chance – without leaving your seat!"

In September 2016, Fedarko and McBride's completion of a 650-mile thru-hike of the Grand Canyon was documented in *National Geographic* magazine.

Kevin Fedarko lives in northern New Mexico and works as a part-time river guide in Grand Canyon National Park. In addition to his travel narratives in *Outside*, where he worked as a senior editor, Fedarko's work has appeared in *Esquire*, *National Geographic Adventure*, and other publications, and has been anthologized in *The Best American Travel Writing* in 2004 and 2006. Fedarko was a staff writer at *TIME* magazine from 1991 to 1997, where his work helped garner an Overseas Press Club Award for a story on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Fedarko earned a Masters of Philosophy in Russian history at Oxford in 1990.

Native Coloradan Pete McBride has spent almost two decades studying the world with his camera. A self-taught, award-winning photographer, filmmaker, and writer, he has traveled on assignment to over 60 countries for the publications of the National Geographic Society, *Smithsonian*, *Outside*, *Men's Journal*, *Esquire*, *STERN*, and many others. Raised on a Colorado cattle ranch, McBride is passionate about finding unique, gripping ways to communicate stories, whether it involves vantages from 20,000 feet or swimming below icebergs. His perspective on capturing water-related stories led *American Photo* magazine to list Pete as one of the top five water photographers in the nation.

National Geographic Live is the live events division of *National Geographic*. With a broad roster of talent including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers, and adventurers, *National Geographic Live's* critically acclaimed programs have connected with audiences worldwide for over a century. Currently, *National Geographic Live* events are held in a variety of cities around the world, including Seattle, Tampa, Los Angeles, and Calgary. In each of these cities, speakers share behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration onstage alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage. For more information, visit natgeolive.com.

This is the second year of the Kimmel Center's National Geographic Live Speaker Series. Additional shows this season include: *When Women Ruled the World* with Egyptologist Kara Cooney (March 18, 2020) and *The Search for Life Beyond Earth* with Planetary Scientist Kevin Hand (May 21, 2020).

This presentation of *National Geographic Live* is sponsored by [Grand Canyon Trust](#).

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: The Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour** (October 25, 2019, Merriam Theater), **The Conversationalists** (November 7 – 9, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), **Rachael & Vilray** (December 13, 2019, Perelman Theater), **When Women Ruled the World with Egyptologist Kara Cooney** (March 18, 2020), and **The Search for Life Beyond Earth with Planetary Scientist Kevin Hand** (May 21, 2020).

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

BETWEEN RIVER AND RIM: HIKING THE GRAND CANYON WITH KEVIN FEDARKO AND PETE MCBRIDE

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Merriam Theater

November 13, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$24.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

This show is part of the National Geographic Live Speaker Series. Save up to 15% with a package.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1 million guests per year and includes the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Academy of Music**, and the **Merriam Theater**- representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: **The Philadelphia Orchestra**, **Opera Philadelphia**, **Pennsylvania Ballet**, **The Philly POPS**, **PHILADANCO**, **The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia**, **The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society**, and **Curtis Institute of Music**. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially-responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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